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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3764

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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 101.0050-00000

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

Serial No: 08/484,928

Filed: June 7, 1995

For: FRUSTO-CONICAL INTERBODY
SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT

Art Unit: 3764

Examiner: Brown, M.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 10, 2001,
Paper No. 30.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully brings to the Examiner's attention that six (6) signed Form PTO 1449's submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements dated: July 9, 1997; December 19, 1997; January 14, 1999; March 10, 1999; November 3, 1999; and December 5, 2000, have yet to be received by the applicant. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide copies of all six (6) signed Form 1449's to the applicant.

Applicant also respectfully brings to the Examiner's attention that claim 84 was cancelled by way of amendment dated March 20, 2000, and claim 85 was cancelled by